

Friday

My dear Don,

Just a quick note to assure you

That I have never quoted you to
Bill. If I had told him what
you thought about me after
reading Eusebius' story - he would have
seen after you with "Shooting Stars."

Bill has never mentioned you to
me or that you had written. He
isn't the type to get angry and
he doesn't write often. Sometimes
months and even years go by
between letters. The only time

I mentioned you was to say
that you used to think there
was a romance between I and
me - but ^{that} I felt I had persuaded
you otherwise. I know not
to quote one person to another

for it never turns out the same.

I never wanted to see the girls
after E wrote about me.

Marcelline sent word one summer
that she wanted to talk to me
but I avoided it. I've never
looked up Sunny for I
didn't want to talk about

Ernest. Ursula kept in touch,
but we avoided the subject
when she and her husband
visited us in Concord, Beach.

We touched lightly on the fact
that she always had wished
that E & I might marry. But
there was no word about his stories.

No I hadn't visited at Wallons
Lake in 1910. I had seen Ernest
once at ~~Waller~~ Harton Bay. The time
I had caught my first trout.
I can't remember the date.

The summer Pudge - Helen Sely
and I first went to Walloona -
Sister was three years old.
You probably know the dates -
better than I. Ernest was
there but this one special.
He seemed someone old like
Marse. Our kind of fun
was more childish.

But don't worry about Bill.
If he said he would send you
his book he will.

as for the Indian girl
I would bet my life that
there was no Indian girl
in Ernest's early life. Bill
is ten years younger than I
and I doubt that he would
want to talk about an
Indian fragment of Ernest's
imagination. Yes - you
do still have things to learn.
Love
Marge. (over)

I have never told Bill that
I write you, trying to
make you see how things
used to be.

M -

He seemed so much older
than but one of his
children. Our family of four
was more childish.
But don't worry about Bill.
If he could be moved and you
his hands he will.
as for the children girl
I wanted but can't help that
there are no children girl
in Everett's early life.
is ten years younger than I
and I doubt that he would
want to talk about our
children's future of Everett's
life - you
on still have things to learn.
for things.
(over)

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